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## JAPAN IS IN CONTROL OF KOREA

After Eight Weeks of Little Fighting and at End of First Stage of Campaign Orientals Have Advantage.

While Little News Is Now Received Rumors Are Being Circulated.

## RUSSIANS CROSS YALU RIVER

Report That They Are Defeated at Wiju, Korea, Confirmed by Late Dispatch—Open Channel at Port Arthur.

London, April 4.—Eight weeks from the opening of the war seen Japan, without any real fighting, apparently in complete possession of Korea, and the first stage of the campaign ended. According to the Mail's Kobe correspondent, who telegraphs under the date of April 4, Ping Yang dispatch has been received there confirming the report from Shanghai that Japanese scouts entered Wiju, Korea, Monday, and the Russians retreated beyond the Yalu river, but no further news of any kind is to hand throwing light on either land or sea operations. Everything, however, is regarded as pointing to the imminence of an important development.

The Post's Tokio correspondent says that Japanese torpedo boats, scouting at Port Arthur, discovered an unencumbered channel 130 yards wide, which still admits the passage of vessels.

The Times' correspondent at sea, April 4, in a wireless message, via Wei-Hai-Wei, says:

"I am cruising in the vicinity of Port Arthur and have discovered no evidence of vessels of either belligerent."

The Times' Chefoo correspondent says the Liao river is extensively mined and 12 stone laden junks are ready for sinking at the entrance of the river.

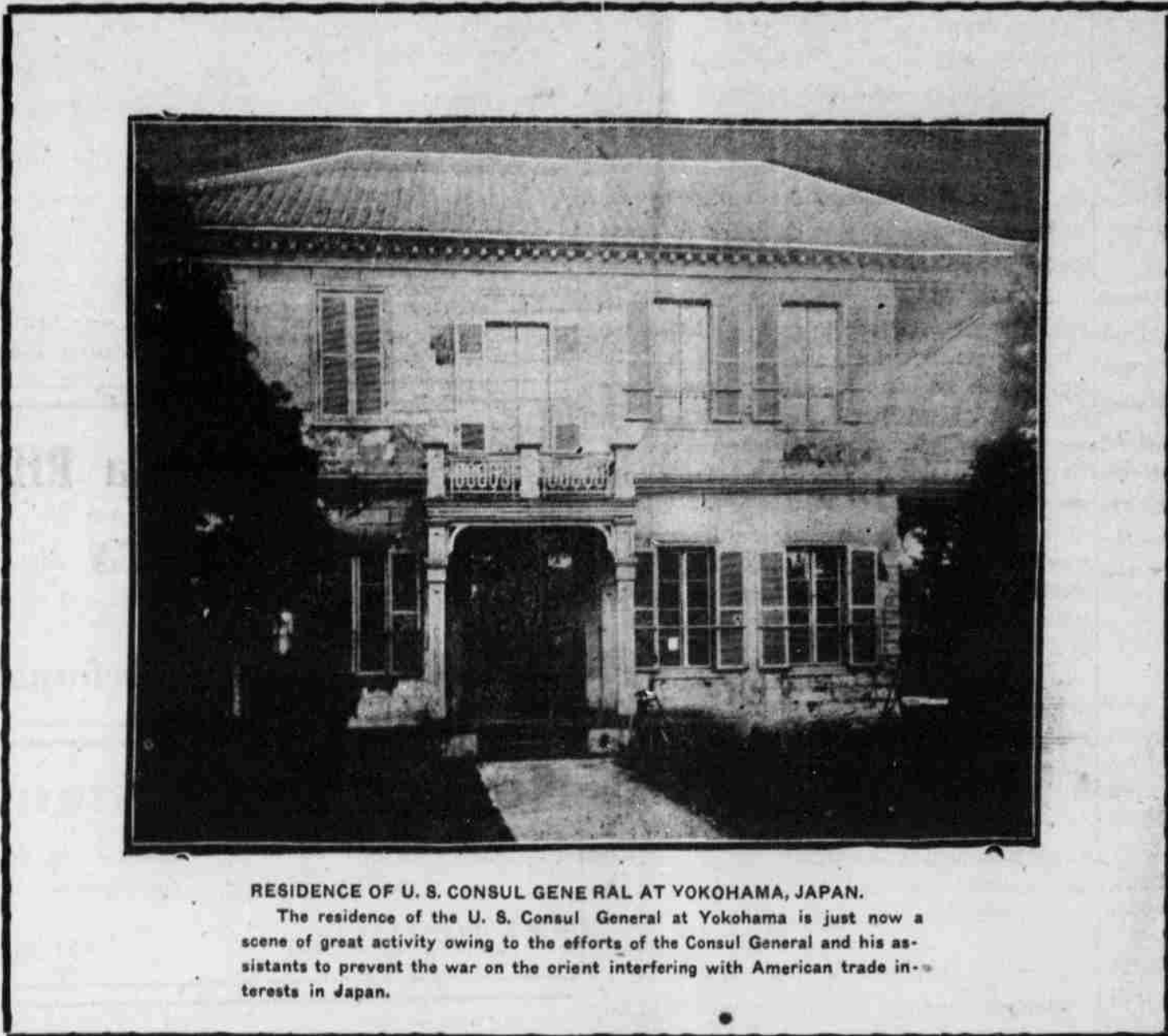
### Peace in Jockey Clubs.

Los Angeles, April 4.—Manager J. W. Brooks of the Ascot Park, today received a telegram from President Thomas Williams, of the New California Jockey Club, informing him that

the western Jockey Club and the Pacific Coast Jockey Club had established reciprocal relations. This action means that horses which race at the new Union Jockey Club track at St. Louis will not be allowed to take part in any meeting held under the Western or the Pacific Coast Jockey Clubs jurisdiction and will probably deter many horsemen from shipping their stables to St. Louis.

### Commission Wins Suit.

Washington, April 4.—The case of the Interstate commerce commission vs. Baird, commonly known as the anthracite coal case, which was instituted by Wm. R. Hearst was decided in favor of the commission today by the United States supreme court, the decision of the United States circuit court for the southern district of New York being reversed.



RESIDENCE OF U. S. CONSUL GENERAL AT YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

The residence of the U. S. Consul General at Yokohama is just now a scene of great activity owing to the efforts of the Consul General and his assistants to prevent the war on the orient interfering with American trade interests in Japan.

## OREGON FAIR BILL FAILS OF PASSAGE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Called up by Tawney Under Suspension of Rules Appropriation Measure, Forty Minutes Are Allowed for the Debate.

Defeat Is Considered by Friends of the Bill to Be Only Temporary and When Introduced Under More Favorable Conditions It Is Avered Will Muster Good Majority in Support—Yesterday's Vote, 134 to 82.

Washington, April 4.—In the house today the attempt to secure consideration under suspension of rules, the bill appropriating \$475,000 for the Lewis and Clark Centennial exposition, to be held in Portland, Ore., in 1905, failed after the house had divided several times and the roll had been called twice.

The military academy appropriation bill was taken up, and after Parker, in charge of the bill, had explained its features briefly, Goldfogel of New York, spoke in behalf of the Jews of the United States, for whom he asked equal treatment and protection while traveling in Russia.

Livernash, of California, made an attack on President Roosevelt, and Mr. Morrell, of Pennsylvania, discussed the negro. Consideration of the bill was not concluded when the house adjourned until tomorrow.

Chairman Tawney called up the Lewis and Clark bill at 12:30, under suspension of rules, which was allowed by a vote of 132 to 82. Forty minutes were allowed for debate, 20 minutes on a side. After explaining the bill and urging its passage, Tawney yielded to Champ Clark, who strongly urged its passage.

Bartlett, of Georgia, the leading democrat on the expositions committee, while unwilling to vote for the bill, said he thought this exposition was as worthy of government participation as any ever held since the centennial at Philadelphia. Bartlett said this was the best bill yet reported to aid local expositions, as it proposed only government participation.

Wynn, democrat of Cal., appealed for an appropriation, the government had

never been asked to aid an exposition beyond the Rockies. He said the amount asked was not great, but it would aid.

During consideration of the bill there was a good attendance in the house and the speeches were closely followed and greeted with hearty approval. The northwestern members enthusiastically greeted remarks favorable to the bill by eastern and southern men. The Oregon senators were on the floor and full delegations from "the Oregon country" were in evidence. Owing to the short time allowed for debate, there were no set speeches.

The bill was put on passage at 1:20 p. m., and, on a rising vote, received 134 votes to 82 in opposition. Before the speaker could declare the result, the yeas and nays were ordered, and this postponed the final vote for half an hour. When it was announced the result was unchanged.

Chairman Tawney, following the defeat of the bill, offered a resolution making the measure privileged, to be called up when appropriation bills and other privileged matters should not intervene. The resolution obtained a rising vote of 81 to 31, but, owing to the absence of a quorum, roll call was ordered.

The roll call showed 131 votes in favor of the Tawney resolution to 72 against, and the resolution was lost, two-thirds not supporting it. This prevents consideration of the bill as a privileged measure.

The vote on the Lewis and Clark bill, today discloses its strength in the house and foreshadows its ultimate passage when it comes before the house under favorable conditions. It can muster a strong majority, which will

pass it if it is made a privileged measure, or if it is considered under special rule. Tawney believes the bill will pass later in the session.

### Bombardment Reported

London, April 5.—The Times correspondent at Chefoo cabling under date of April 4, says there was another bombardment of Port Arthur April 3, but there are no authentic details of the engagement available.

### Requests Mission to Withdraw.

Guru, Thibet, April 4.—The British mission to Thibet, accompanied by Colonel MacDonald's flying column, arrived this afternoon. The Chinese general from L'Hassa visited Colonel Younghusband and requested the mission to withdraw.

## WAITING FOR THE JAPS' COMING

Russians Intend to Accord the Enemy Surprise Party Next Time Attack On Port Arthur Is Made.

Force in Control Count On Flank Movement in Connection With Next Engagement.

## VIGILANCE THE WATCHWORD

Every Possible Movement Being Studied With Care So That No Advantage Can Be Taken of Russians.

St. Petersburg, April 4.—At the time approaches for the opening of land operations, Russian authorities are exercising great vigilance to conceal their movements. For 10 days not a scrap of real information except such as is contained in official dispatches has come from the front. That General Kuropatkin's campaign involves a waiting game until the disposition of the army has been completed, can be stated positively.

The Russians count on a Japanese flanking movement in connection with a frontal attack and therefore the Russian forces have been disposed along Tumen to prevent the entrance of a Japanese column there. Another flanking movement is expected at the head of the Liao Tung gulf near Nul Chwang, and everything there is being prepared to receive the enemy, but for the present the Russian military authorities believe that the Japanese game at this point has been blocked by the failure of attempts to bottle up and render immobile the fleet of Vice Admiral Makaroff. Indeed, as the result of a recent conference between Viceroy Alexieff and Vice Admiral Makaroff at Port Arthur it is hinted in high quarters that the next time the Japanese appear off Port Arthur they will find a surprise awaiting them.

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